

## Explore Rhode Island Series

Join the USFWS as we continue to launch into the Spring and Summer seasons. In addition to being a USFWS Volunteer and author of "Paddling Connecticut and Rhode Island", presenter Jim Cole was also part of the first crew to inland paddle the Wood River in Rhode Island as a way to encourage others to explore local waterways. This series, free and open to the public, is designed to get individuals of all ages ready for a Summer of fun in the outdoors.



Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm

*Canoeing Made Easy* - Come learn some Canoeing basics, including the correct way to paddle, tips on how to make paddling easier and more enjoyable (as well as a review of basic paddle strokes and when to use them!) Items covered also include subjects from planning trips to required equipment. This program includes an instructional video.



Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

*Kayaking Made Easy* - Come learn some kayaking basics including the correct way to paddle, tips on how to make paddling easier and more enjoyable (as well as a review of basic paddle strokes and when to use them!) Items covered also include subjects from safety to planning trips and all the required equipment. This program includes an instructional video.



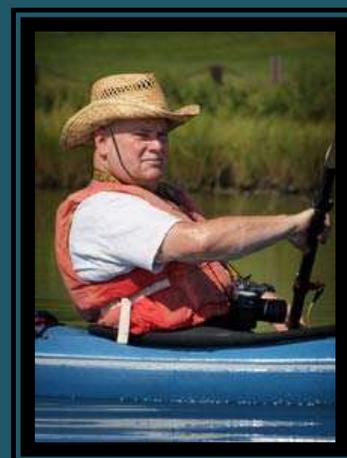
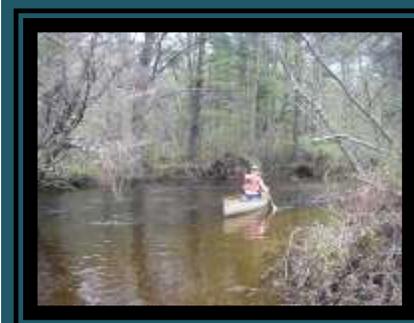
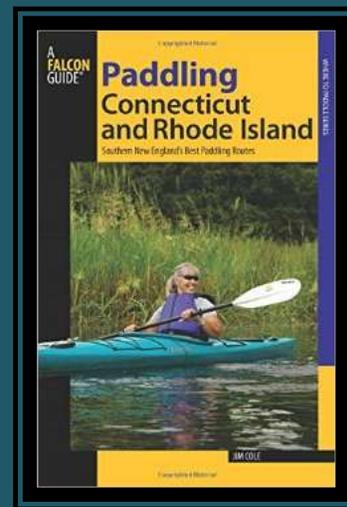
Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

*Navigation Using Map and Compass* - This course covers basic map and compass navigation skills. We will review various types of maps as well as several types of compasses. We will then focus on using maps and compasses together to navigate. Map and Compass skills are essential for those using GPS navigation devices.



Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

*Navigation Using GPS* - This course covers GPS navigation in the wilderness for use by Hikers, Hunters, and others. We will cover Navigation Skills, tools, planning a track and entering these details into your GPS device and more. This course is designed for individuals wishing to improve their GPS navigation Skills. Please bring your GPS if you have one.



**This series will take place at the Kettle Pond Visitor Center, 50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813. For more information, please contact the Visitor Center at 401-364-9124 ext. 48.**